

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 419 - HB 722

March 4, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a county election commissioner, rather than any member of a county election commission, from qualifying as a candidate for public office while serving as a member of the commission.

Prohibits a county election commissioner from serving as commissioner during an election in which a spouse, parent, sibling, or child is on the ballot for public office.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-12-102(b), any member of a county election commission who qualifies as a candidate for public office is removed from a county election commission and will be replaced by a new member.
- The proposed legislation removes the prohibition for members of a county election commission who are not the commissioner, authorizing members to serve on the commission even if they are a candidate for public office.
- The proposed legislation requires a county election commission to temporarily replace a commissioner at least 30 days before an election involving an immediate family member of the commissioner, who will be reinstated after the election.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-12-108, each member of a county election commission receives compensation for each day spent in the performance of duties.
- Hamilton, Knox, and Shelby Counties provide monthly compensation to each member and the chairs of county election commissions.
- If a county election commissioner in one of these three counties has to temporarily step down due to the election of a family member, it is possible the county would be required to provide a compensation to the temporary replacement and existing commissioner; however, the occurrence of a temporary replacement or double compensation is estimated to be minimal.
- All other counties that pay members and commissioners per each day spent in the performance of duties would not see an increase or decrease in compensation expenditures.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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